

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

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Filed: CONCURRENTLY

Title: METHOD OF DEVICE FOR ADDING OR EXTRACTING A SECONDARY
INFORMATION SIGNAL TO/FROM A RLL CODE SEQUENCE

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 3 to be in the form as follows. A marked
up copy of the claim is included in an appendix following this
amendment for the Examiners convenience.

3. A method according to claim 1, wherein said secondary
information signal is a hidden channel information for copy
protection of a record carrier.

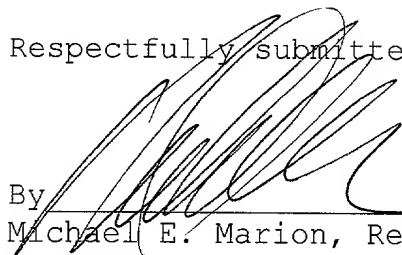
REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to claim 3 was made solely
to avoid filing the claim in the multiple dependant form so as to
avoid the additional filing fee.

Claim 3 was not amended in order to address issues of
patentability and Applicants respectfully reserves all rights they

may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserves their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

3. A method according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein said secondary information signal is a hidden channel information for copy protection of a record carrier.